

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. CR20-001 JLR
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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J SOCORRO NUNEZ-MEDRANO,)
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Defendant.)

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the stipulated motion of the parties for a continuance of the trial and the pretrial motions due date, and the Court having considered the facts set forth in the motion, the Court's General Orders, and the records and files herein, the Court finds as follows:

The Court finds that the ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case, that a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for effective case preparation and ensure public safety in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

1. A failure to grant the continuance would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). In addition, the failure to grant a continuance in the proceeding would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

2. The ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case, as a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for the defense to effectively prepare for trial and to ensure public safety in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. All of these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a more speedy trial, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the trial date shall be continued to March 29, 2021 and pretrial motions deadline to February 12, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the resulting period of delay from the date of this order to the new trial date is hereby excluded for speedy trial purposes under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020.


JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge

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